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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

Application Number	09/924,896
Filing Date	August 8, 2001
Confirmation Number	3394
First Named Inventor	Dennis W. Metzger
Group Art Unit	1632
Examiner Name	Chen, Shin Lin
Attorney Docket Number	1954.1002-009

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice*, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); *Interim Rule*, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**a. [] Previously submitted**

- i. [] Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. [] Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on [].
- iii. [] Other -- [].

b. [] Please do not enter the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on [].**c. [X] Enclosed**

- i. [X] Amendment/Reply
- ii. [X] Amendment/Reply Fee Transmittal with copy
- iii. [] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. [X] Petition for Extension of Time - four (4) months with copy
- v. [X] Other -- Exhibit F; Courtesy copies of Exhibits A-E (Previously submitted with Amendment mailed to US PTO on Sept. 29, 2003).

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2. Miscellaneous

- a. [] Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of [] months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required)
- b. [] Other -- [].

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR §1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR §1.114 when the RCE is filed.**a. [X] A check is enclosed for the following fees in the total amount of \$2,320
OR**

[] Authorization is granted to charge the following fees in the total amount of \$[] to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes

- i. [X] RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- ii. [X] Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- iii. [] Amendment Fee
- iv. [] Other -- [].

b. [X] Authorization is hereby granted to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 08-0380. A copy of this document is enclosed for accounting purposes.**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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